



NOTIFICATION

Opting of Elective courses (DSE/GE) for developing a discipline as 'Minor'

1. The University rolled out Undergraduate Curriculum Framework 2022 (UGCF) based on National Education Policy 2020 (NEP), from the Academic Session 2022-23, embedding within the framework different aspects of NEP through varied courses viz. as DSCs, DSEs, GEs, AECs, SECs and VACs.

2. The flexibility in the UGCF 2022 provides various opportunities to the students for developing a discipline as a 'Minor' in addition to the major discipline, including through GEs, in the succeeding paragraphs.

Meaning of few relevant terms used herein are provided for easy reference and understanding:

- Single-core discipline programmes: Programmes where students study only one discipline as a 'core' discipline such as B.Sc. (H), B.A. (H) and B.Com. (H) etc.
- Two-core discipline programmes: Programmes where students study two different disciplines as 'core' disciplines, namely all B.A. Programmes.
- Three-core discipline programmes: Programmes where students study three disciplines as 'core' disciplines, such as B.Sc. Life Sciences, B.Sc. Physical Sciences etc.

3. A discipline may be developed as a 'Minor' as per UGCF 2022, through different mechanisms:

- Students pursuing single core discipline programmes, may develop a discipline as a 'Minor' by studying seven Generic Elective (GE) courses of such discipline and earn 28 credits.
- Students pursuing two-core discipline programmes, may develop one of the core disciplines as a 'Minor' by earning 28 credits from the six Discipline Specific Courses (DSCs) and one Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) in the first three years. However, students of such programmes may also develop a discipline as a 'Minor' provided they earn 28 credits from the GEs of such discipline.

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c) Students pursuing three-core discipline programmes, may develop one of the core disciplines as a 'Minor' only by earning 28 credits from the six Discipline Specific Courses (DSCs) and one Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) of such core discipline in the first three years.

4. The GEs (Generic Elective courses) of a discipline are opted by students who do not study such discipline as a core discipline. **The GEs courses are not mandatory in nature.** Therefore, the students who wish to make himself/herself eligible to apply for a post-graduate programme in the University of Delhi in the 'Minor' discipline (developed through the GEs of a discipline) only, are required to study the **three** mandatory GEs identified for such discipline by the concerned Department.

5. In view of the above, all colleges/departments offering UG programmes are requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Discipline Specific Electives (DSE) of each of the core disciplines in B.Sc. Programmes or B.A. Programmes must be offered to the students in every semester to enable the students to develop one of the core disciplines as a 'Minor' discipline.
- Students enrolled either in single core or two core discipline programmes must be offered sufficient number of GEs of a discipline to enable him/her to develop it as a 'Minor' discipline by securing 28 credits by the 4th year.
- All mandatory Generic Electives (GEs) should be provided to the students in addition to the rest of the courses in the pool of GE of the relevant discipline to facilitate a student to earn 28 credits from such a discipline to make it a 'Minor'.
- Students admitted in the Academic Sessions 2022-23 and 2023-24 may be allowed to study the mandatory GEs of the discipline they are planning to make it a 'Minor' irrespective of the Level or prerequisites prescribed for these GEs.

6. For the sake of clarity, it is hereby reiterated that students (of the single core programme) who do not wish to pursue PG in the 'Minor' discipline from the University of Delhi is free to choose any of the courses from the pool of GEs to gain multidisciplinary perspectives. He/she is **not** required to study the GE courses identified as mandatory GEs by the respective departments.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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